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Application No.: 09/379,104
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Title: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS
Art Unit: 3628
Examiner: N. Nguyen

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 3, 2003

Sir:

The following remarks and arguments are submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the final Office Action (Paper No. 17) dated October 3, 2002.¹

REMARKS

Claims 10-20 are pending in this application. No claim has been amended because all claims 10-20, as pending, are believed to be patentably distinguishable over all the cited prior art references, including the originally cited Hirota JP 8106439 and the newly cited, Cree et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,093,901. As a result, entry of this Response is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) because those amendments simply respond to the issues raised in the final rejection, no new issues